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SUBJ: DECLINE IN HONG KONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS

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(1) KOREA'S WORLDWIDE EXPORTS OF TEXTILES INCREASED IN VALUE 52 PCT IN 1976 OVER 1975. EXPORTS OF CLOTHING INCREASED IN VALUE 60 PCT FOR THE SAME PERIOD. EXPORTS TO THE U.S., IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING FOR 1976 OVER 1975, SHOWED AN INCREASE IN VALUE OF 61 AND 65 PCT RESPECTIVELY. FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1977, COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 1976, TOTAL TEXTILE EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE 29.9 PCT AND TOTAL CLOTHING EXPORTS INCREASED IN VALUE 24.9 PCT. EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO USA FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1977 INCREASED IN VALUE 35.6 PCT AND CLOTHING EXPORTS TO USA FOR SAME PERIOD INCREASED IN VALUE 27.1 PCT. THESE STATISTICS EXCLUDE LEATHER AND FUR WEARING APPAREL.

(2) KOREAN NAEWAE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORTED, MAY21, 1977, THAT HONGKONG'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO EUROPE AND THE U.S. WERE RAPIDLY DECLINING. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT FABRIC EXPORTS DECREASED 14 PCT AND CLOTHING EXPORTS UNCLASSIFIED

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DECREASED 9 PCT DURING FIRST QUARTER 1977. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT 2 FACTORIES HAVE CLOSED AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 (OF 32) SPINNING FACTORIES HAD REDUCED PRODUCTION. FOUR REASONS, ATTRIBUTED TO THE HONG KONG TEXTILE INDUSTRY ASSOCAITON AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, WERE GIVEN FOR THE DECLINE. THEY ARE FAILURE TO MEET ROK AND ROC COMPETITION, REDUCED PURCHASE

ORDERS FROM USA AND EUROPE, LABOR SHORTAGE AND INCREASING

LAND COSTS IN HONG KONG.

(3) USDOC STATISTICS FOR U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS OF COTTON,
WOOL AND MAN-MADE MANUFACTURES SHOW 440.3 MILLION SQUARE
YARDS FOR 1975 AND 609.9 MILLION SQUARE YARDS FOR 1976.
THESE FIGURES APPEAR TO SUBSTANTIATE THE RECENT TREND
OF KOREAN TEXTILE EXPORTS INCREASING AT A HIGH RATE.
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